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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 0337

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ELLSWORTH, SHRONTZ AND LABERGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NO

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FIGHTER

REF: THE HAGUE 0335

1. GENERAL HAMRE, WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM NORTHERN NORWAY, STATED TODAY TO CHMAAG THAT THE U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SELECTION OF THE F-16 CAME AS NO SURPRISE WHATEVER TO THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT UNDERCURRENT OF OPINION IN NORWAY EXPRESSING DISMAY AT THE SELECTION NOR HAS THERE BEEN OPPOSITION SIMILAR TO THAT EXPRESSED IN REFTEL.

2. THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IS SATISFIED WITH THE U.S. CHOICE. MY ASSESSMENT IS THAT THEY ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS WHICH MAY BE RAISED IN POLITICAL DEBATE ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT ISSUE  
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ON THE SUBJECT OF: THE SUPERIORITY OF THE YF-16

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS; FINANCIAL BENEFITS FLOWING FROM CO-PRODUCTION AND OFF SET ARRANGEMENTS; TECHNOLOGICAL BENEFITS, AND THE NATURE OF THE EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

3. AT THIS TIME A SYMPOSIUM IN NORWAY SUCH AS IS PROPOSED IN REFTEL WOULD TEND TO RAISE CONCERNS WHICH WOULD NOT OTHERWISE APPEAR. THE NORWEGIAN STAFF INVOLVED WITH THE REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT ISSUE IS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FOUR COUNTRY UNANIMITY IN THE CHOICE.

4. WILL KEEP ADVISED.  
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